

Senate Resolution 1131

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commemorating the 200th birthday of the City of Jefferson, Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson was designated the county seat of Jackson County on
4 November 24, 1806, and was originally incorporated as Jeffersonville, later changed to
5 Jeffersonton until the city's name was ultimately shortened to its current name; and

6 WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson was named for President Thomas Jefferson and was the
7 site of a previous Indian settlement named Thomoccoggan; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford W. Long first used ether for anesthesia for surgery in Jefferson
9 on March 30, 1842, and personal artifacts and documents highlighting the life of Dr. Long,
10 as well as early anesthesia equipment, are displayed in the Crawford W. Long Museum in
11 Jefferson; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1818, Martin Institute was chartered as the nation's first privately endowed
13 public high school; and after it was destroyed by a fire, Jefferson High School was
14 constructed in its place and opened in 1946; and

15 WHEREAS, the City of Jefferson takes pride in its educational opportunities through the
16 Jefferson City Schools, which has had the highest average SAT score in Georgia for the past
17 two years; and

18 WHEREAS, where once stood a rural mill town, the City of Jefferson has grown, attracting
19 new industry such as Kubota, Reckitt Benckiser, World Technology Ingredients, Caterpillar,
20 Seydel, Mission Foods, Ten Cate Nicolon, Shiloh Industries, Hitachi, and Sumitomo which
21 represent a strong economic base providing jobs for current residents as well as attracting
22 new residents to the City of Jefferson every day; and

1 WHEREAS, this year marks the bicentennial of the City of Jefferson.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
3 recognize the 200th birthday of the City of Jefferson.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the City of Jefferson.